

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support for greenways bonding

[HB 5291](#), An Act Authorizing Bonding For Bikeways, Greenways And Recreational Trails

There is a huge pent-up and unmet demand for this funding. Robust funding of this program is essential for continuing to build out our state trail network.

My recommendation is that the prioritization of multi-use and greenway funding should aim first to complete projects in low-income, low-car ownership cities and near town centers and transit hubs.

I further recommend that greenway and multiuse trail investments be prioritized based on the

likelihood of those connections to be used for transportation, commuting, and car-trip

replacement. This would align with Governor Lamont's Dec 2021 Executive Order for CT DOT to set a

target for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction by 2030. Based on decades where suburban and rural

multiuse trails have progressed steadily, a period of greenway investment focused on urban and near-

urban areas is timely and also economically / environmentally just.

Thanks for your support!

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